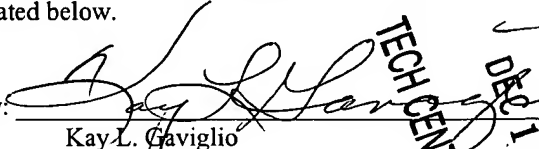


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action (Paper No. 16) dated October 6, 2003. The response is filed within the three-month shortened statutory date for reply and is considered timely. Please consider and enter the present amendment and remarks.